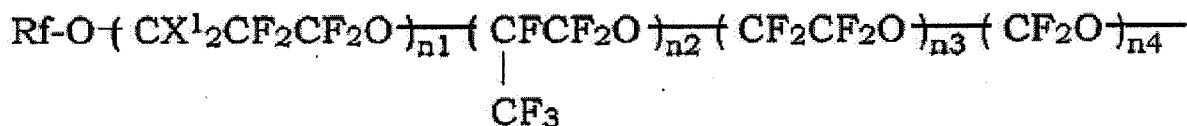


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A curable surface modifier comprising a curable fluorine-containing resin (I) which is soluble in general purpose solvents and comprises a fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer (IAB) having a moiety A and a moiety B in at least a part of the same side chain or different side chains thereof or comprises a fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer (IA) having a moiety A in at least a part of its side chain and a fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer (IB) having a moiety B in at least a part of its side chain, in which the moiety A has, at its end, one or two or more polyfluoropolyether chains P represented by the formula (1):

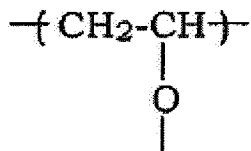


wherein n1, n2, n3 and n4 are the same or different and each is 0 or an integer of 1 or more and n1 + n2 + n3 + n4 is an integer of 7 to 40; X¹ are the same or different and each is H, F or Cl; Rf is a fluorine-containing alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms,

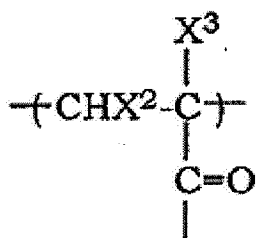
the moiety B has one or two or more self-crosslinkable functional groups Y at its end,
and

an ethylenic polymer moiety M remaining by excluding the moiety A and the moiety B from the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer constituting the resin (I) does not contain fluorine

atom or is an ethylenic polymer moiety in which a part of hydrogen atoms thereof are replaced by fluorine atoms up to a fluorine content of not more than 10 % by weight, and the ethylenic polymer moiety M contains a structural unit of the formula (2):



or the formula (3):

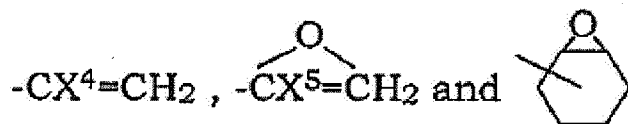


wherein X² is H or a bond; X³ is H, F or CH₃.

2. (original): The curable surface modifier of Claim 1, wherein the fluorine content of curable fluorine-containing resin (I) which is soluble in general purpose solvents is not less than 0.1 % by weight and not more than 35 % by weight.

3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The curable surface modifier of Claim 1, wherein the self-crosslinkable functional group Y of the moiety B is at least one selected from the group consisting of



wherein X⁴ is H, CH₃ or F; X⁵ is H or CH₃.

5. (previously presented): A method of modifying a surface of a substrate which comprises applying the curable surface modifier of Claim 1 on the substrate and curing.

6. (original): The surface modifying method of Claim 5, wherein the substrate is one having an antireflection film on its surface.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

14. (canceled).

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